

M = Mid-ordinate, in meters
 Z = Any tangent offset, in meters
 L = Horizontal length of vertical curve, in meters
 X = Horizontal distance from PVC or PVT to any ordinate "Z," in meters
 G₁ & G₂ = Rates of grade, expressed algebraically, in percent

ALL EXPRESSIONS TO BE CALCULATED ALGEBRAICALLY

$$ELEV. \text{ OF } PVI = ELEV. \text{ PVC } + G_1 \frac{L}{200}$$

$$ELEV. \text{ OF } PVT = ELEV. \text{ PVC } + (G_1 + G_2) \frac{L}{200}$$

$$\text{Mid - ordinate distance "M" in meters} = \frac{(G_2 - G_1)}{800} L = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{ELEV. \text{ OF } PVC + ELEV. \text{ OF } PVT}{2} - ELEV. \text{ PVI} \right)$$

For offset "Z" at distance "X" from PVC or PVT:

$$Z = M \left(\frac{X}{L/2} \right)^2 \text{ or } Z = \frac{X^2 (G_2 - G_1)}{200 L}$$

$$S, \text{ in percent} = G_1 - \left[X \left(\frac{G_1 - G_2}{L} \right) \right]$$

For slope "S" of a line tangent to any point on the vertical curve at an "X" distance measured from the PVC:

CALCULATING HIGH OR LOW POINT ON CURVE

$$X_T = \frac{LG_1}{G_1 - G_2}$$

Where "X_T" equals the horizontal distance from the PVC to the high or low point on the curve in meters.
 Elevation of high or low point on curve equals:

$$ELEV. \text{ PVC } - \frac{LG_1^2}{(G_2 - G_1) 200}$$

SYMMETRICAL VERTICAL CURVE EQUATIONS

Figure 44-3F